

Lapeer County, Michigan

Audited Financial Report March 31, 2004

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**Township of Marathon**Annual Financial Report
For The Fiscal Year Ended March 31, 2004

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Members of the Township Board Marathon Township Lapeer County, Michigan

#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

I have examined the General Purpose Financial Statements of Marathon Township as of March 31, 2004, as listed in the Table of Contents, for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the General Purpose Financial Statement referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Marathon Township, at March 31, 2004, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

My examination was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the General Purpose Financial Statements taken as a whole. The individual combining funds financial statement listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis rather than to present the financial position, and results of operations of its individual funds. This information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the General Purpose Financial Statements and, in my opinion, is stated fairly in all material respects in relation to the General Purpose Financial Statements taken as a whole.

**Certified Public Accountant** 

June 9, 2004

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Combined Statements -Overview

(General Purpose Financial Statements)

Township of Marathon

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types & Account Groups March 31, 2004

**Governmental Fund Types** 

				Special	运	Fiduciary		Account Groups	Group	s		
				Revenue	Fu	Fund Type		General	0	General		Totals
	•	General		Building				Fixed	S.	Long-Term	(Me	(Memorandum
Assets		Fund	Insp	Inspection Fund	1	Agency		Assets		Debt		Only)
Cash & Certificates of Deposit	ક્ક	122,629	89	20,938	∻	009'6	€9	0	69	0	69	153,167
Due From Other Funds		2,410		0		4,646		0		0		7,056
Property Taxes Receivable		21,550		0		0		0		0		21,550
Prepaid Expenses		45,167		0		0		0		0		45,167
Property, Plant, & Equipment		0		0		0		349,171		0		349,171
Amount To Be Provided For												
Retirement of General L/T Debt		0		0		0		0		423,861		423,861
Total Assets	<del>&gt;&gt;</del>	191,756	<del>69</del>	20,938	∻	14,246	∻	349,171	∻	423,861	€9	999,972
Liabilities												
Accounts Payable	↔	9,803	€9	884	<del>∽</del>	0	<del>∽</del>	0	6 <del>/)</del>	0	69	10,687
Due To Other Funds		0		4,646		2,410		0		0		7,056
Performance Bonds Payable		0		0		11,836		0		0		11,836
Due To County		0		0		0		0		0		0
Road Bonds Payable		0		0		0		0		423,861		423,861
Total Liabilities		9,803		5,530		14,246		0		423,861		453,440
Fund Equity												
Investment in General Fixed Assets		0		0		0		349,171		0		349,171
Fund Balance - Designated Hemingway Lake		10,590		0		0		0		0		10,590
- Undesignated		171,363		15,408		0		0		0		186,771
Total Fund Balance		181,953		15,408		0		349,171		0		546,532
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	↔	191,756	89	20,938	8	14,246	89	349,171	∻	423,861	ક્ક	999,972

The notes are an integral part of the statements.

Combined Statements of Revenues, Expenditures,
And Changes in Fund Balance
Actual - All Governmental Fund Types
For The Year Ended March 31, 2004

	Governmen	ntal Fund Types	
		Special Revenue	
Revenues	General Fund	Building Inspection Fund	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Property Taxes	\$ 157,484	\$ 0	\$ 157,484
State Shared Revenue	245,509	0	245,509
Charges for Services	27,479	0	27,479
Licenses, Permits, & Fees	8,010	57,381	65,391
Interest Earnings	1,424	0	1,424
Miscellaneous Revenues	70,687	<u></u>	70,687
Total Revenues	510,593	57,381	567,974
Expenditures			
General Government	179,965	0	179,965
Public Safety	55,682	48,500	104,182
Highways, Streets, & Bridges	129,205	0	129,205
Cemetery	2,603	0	2,603
Other Functions	14,779	0	14,779
Total Expenditures	382,234	48,500	430,734
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	128,359	8,881	137,240
Fund Balance - April 1, 2003	53,594	6,527	60,121
Fund Balance - March 31, 2004	<u>\$ 1</u> 81,953	\$ 15,408	\$ 197,361

Combined Statements of Revenues, Expenditures,
And Changes in Fund Balance
Actual Compared to Budget - All Governmental Fund Types
For The Year Ended March 31, 2004

# Governmental Fund Types

				S	Special Revenue	ne	Totals	Totals (Memorandum Only)	m Only)
		General Fund	q	Buildi	Building Inspection Fund	n Fund			
			Over (Under)			Over (Under)			Over (Under)
Revenues	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget
Property Taxes	\$ 137,744	\$ 157,484	\$ 19,740	\$	0 \$	8 0	\$ 137,744	\$ 157,484	\$ 19,740
State Shared Revenue	239,561	245,509	5,948	0	0	0	239,561	245,509	5,948
Charges for Services	24,250	27,479	3,229	0	0	0	24,250	27,479	3,229
Licenses, Permits, & Fees	1,800	8,010	6,210	51,000	57,381	6,381	52,800	65,391	12,591
Interest Earnings	0	1,424	1,424	0	0	0	0	1,424	1,424
Miscellaneous Revenues	3,100	70,687	67,587	0	0	0	3,100	70,687	67,587
Total Revenues	406,455	510,593	104,138	51,000	57,381.	6,381	457,455	567,974	110,519
Expenditures									
General Government	199,892	179,965	19,927	0	0	0	199,892	179,965	19,927
Public Safety	59,029	55,682	3,347	51,000	48,500	2,500	110,029	104,182	5,847
Highways, Streets, & Bridges	225,994	129,205	96,789	0	0	0	225,994	129,205	682'96
Cemetery	3,600	2,603	266	0	0	0	3,600	2,603	266
Other Functions	16,037	14,779	1,258	0	0	0	16,037	14,779	1,258
Total Expenditures	504,552	382,234	122,318	51,000	48,500	2,500	555,552	430,734	124,818
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(98,097)	128,359	226,456	0	8,881	8,881	(98,097)	137,240	235,337
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Operating Transfers In (Out)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Excess of Revenues & Operating Transfers In Over Expenditures & Operating Transfers Out	(98,097)	128,359	226,456	0	8,881	8.881	(98,097)	137,240	235,337
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Fund Balances - April 1, 2003	78,097	55,594	(44,503)		/70,0	775,0	98,097	00,121	(0/6/5)
Fund Balances - March 31, 2004	0	\$ 181,953	\$ 181,953	8	\$ 15,408	\$ 15,408	0 \$	\$ 197,361	\$ 197,361

The notes are an integral part of the statements.

Notes To Financial Statements For The Year Ended March 31, 2004

The accounting methods and procedures adopted by the Township of Marathon, Lapped County, Michigan, conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental entities. The following notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the Townships Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Financial Reporting Entity**

The Township was incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan and operates as a General Law Township, with a Township Board form of government. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of the Township (the primary government) and its component units. The component units discussed below are included in the Township reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationships with the Township.

Component Units - In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, there are <u>no</u> component units of Government required to be included in the Financial Reporting Entity either as blended component units or discretely presented component units.

Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting - The accounts of the Township are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The Township has created several types of funds and a number of discrete funds within each fund type. Each fund is accounted for by a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. The individual funds account for the governmental resources allocated to them for the purpose of carrying on specific activities in accordance with laws, regulations, or other restrictions.

The funds are grouped into fund types and generic funds as described below:

Governmental Fund Types - These are the funds through which most governmental functions typically are financed. The funds included in this category are as follows:

General Fund: This fund is established to account for resources devoted to financing the general services that the Township performs for its citizens. General tax revenues and other sources of revenue used to finance the fundamental operations of the Township are included in this fund. The fund is charged with all costs of operating the government for which a separate fund has not been established.

**Special Revenue Funds:** The Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue resources (other than assessments or expendable trusts) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. This fund includes: Building Inspection Fund

**Fiduciary Fund Types** - These funds account for assets held by the Township as a trustee or agent for individuals, private organization, and other units of governments. These funds are as follows:

**Expendable Trust and Agency Funds:** These funds, used to account for assets held in trust of as an agent for others, include the Tax Collection Fund (property taxes) and Agency Fund (performance bonds).

**Account Groups** - In addition to the broad types of governmental funds, the Township also maintains one account group as described below:

General Fixed Assets Account Group: This is not a fund but rather an account group that is used to account for general fixed assets acquired principally for general purposes.

General Long-Term Debt Account Group: This account group is established to account for the Township's long-term debt that will be financed from general governmental resources.

Notes To Financial Statements For The Year Ended March 31, 2004

**Basis of Accounting -** Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The General Fund and Special Revenue Fund use a current financial resources measurement focus and are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Agency Funds also use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual; i.e., when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

**Budgetary Data** - The Township follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. Prior to April 1, the Township Clerk submits to the Township Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing April 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3. Prior April 1, the budget is legally enacted.
- 4. The budget is used by the Township Board as a management tool during the year for all budgetary funds. The budgets are adopted on a cash basis which is not consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Budgetary control is exercised at the departmental level.
- 5. Budget amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Township Board. Individual amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations which were amended.

Cash - The Township does not pool cash resources of its various funds to facilitate the management of cash. Cash applicable to a particular fund is readily identifiable. The balance in the cash accounts is available to meet current operating requirements. Cash in excess of current requirements is invested in various interest-bearing securities and disclosed as part of the Township's investments.

**Investments** - Debt securities are valued at cost since it is generally the policy of the Township to hold such investments until they mature.

Due To and Due From Other Funds - Interfund receivables and payables arise from interfund transactions and arc recorded by all funds affected in the period in which transactions are executed.

Other Assets - Other assets held are recorded and accounted for at cost.

**Property, Plant, and Equipment** - Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. Public domain (infrastructure) general fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, such as roads, sidewalks, and bridges, are not capitalized. Property, plant, and equipment acquired or constructed for general governmental operations are recorded as expenditures in the fund making the expenditure and capitalized at cost in the General Fixed Assets Account Group.

Property, plant, and equipment is stated at cost. Where cost could not be determined from the available records, estimated historical cost was used to record the estimated value of the assets. Assets acquired by gift or bequest are recorded at their fair market value at the date of transfer.

Fund Equity - The unreserved fund balances for governmental funds represent the amount available for budgeting future operations. The reserved fund balances for governmental funds represent the amount that has been legally identified for specific purposes. Unreserved retained earning for proprietary funds represent the net assets available for future operations or distribution. Reserved retained earnings for proprietary funds represent the net assets that have been legally identified for specific purposes.

Notes To Financial Statements For The Year Ended March 31, 2004

Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses - Revenues for governmental funds are recorded when they are determined to be both measurable and available. Generally, tax revenues, fees, and nontax revenues are recognized when received. Grants from other governments are recognized when qualifying expenditures are incurred. Expenditures for governmental funds are recorded when the related liability is incurred.

**Property Tax Revenues - Property** taxes are levied on December 1 based on the assessed value of property as listed on the previous December 31. Assessed values are an approximation of market value. A revaluation of all real property must be made every year.

Property taxes are recognized as revenue when they are levied because they are considered to be both measurable and available. Proper allowances are made for estimated uncollectible accounts and delinquent accounts.

Vacation, Sick Leave, and Other Compensated Absences - The Township does not have any contracts or agreements with its employees or elected officials which require the payment of compensation during absence from duty nor do any such benefits vest to the right of the employee or elected official.

Total Columns - The Combined Financial Statements include total columns that are described as memoranda only. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or cash flows in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Interfund transactions have not been eliminated from the total column of each financial statement.

#### 2. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the Local Unit to deposit and invest in the accounts of Federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or Federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated by two standard rating agencies within the two highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. Financial institutions eligible for deposit of public funds must maintain an office in Michigan.

#### 3. Cash and Investments

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, risk disclosures for the Local Unit's cash deposits are as follows:

	Carrying Amount	1	Bank Balances
Insured (FDIC) Uninsured and Uncollateralized	\$ 153,167 0	\$	153,167 0
Total Deposits	\$ 153,167	\$	153,167

All cash deposits and investments of the Township are held by the Township in the Township's name.

Notes To Financial Statements For The Year Ended March 31, 2004

The GASB Statement 3 risk disclosures for the Local Unit's investments are as follows:

Investment Type	(1)	(2)	(3)	Carrying Amount	Market Value
Risk Categorized		NONE			
Operating Funds					
US Treasury Bonds					
Investment in Deferred					
Compensation Plans					
Total Risk-Categorized					
Investments					

The cash and investments that are represented by specific identifiable investment securities are classified as to credit risk by the three categories described below:

Category 1	Insured or registered, or securities held by the Township or its agent in the Township's name.
Category 2	Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty's trust department or agent
	in the Township's name.
Category 3	Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty, or by its trust department

or agent but not in the Township's name.

#### 4. Retirement Plan

The Township has a defined contribution pension plan through an insurance company. All full-time employees of the Township are covered under the plan. The Township contributes an amount each year and employees may contribute additional amounts. The Township's contribution for the year ended March 31, 2004, was \$9,973.05 which was entirely paid during the year.

#### 5. Property Taxes

The Township is responsible for assessing, collecting, and distributing property taxes in accordance with enabling state legislation. Property taxes become a lien on the first day of December of the levy year and must be paid by the following February 14.

Property taxes are not recognized in compliance with NCGAI-3 which states that such revenue is recorded when it becomes measurable and available. Property taxes are recorded as revenue when collected.

The Township levied the following taxes:

General Government Services 1.4424 mills

Notes To Financial Statements For The Year Ended March 31, 2004

#### 6. Due To / From Other Funds

As of March 31, 2004, interfund receivables and payables that resulted from various interfund transactions were as follows:

	Dı	ie From		Ι	Due To
	Oth	er Funds		Oth	er Funds
Agency Fund	\$	4,646	<b>Building Fund</b>	\$	4,646
General Fund		976	Trust & Agency		976
General Fund		1,434	Tax Collection		1,434
Total	\$	7,056		<u>\$</u>	7,056

#### 7. Property, Plant, and Equipment

Activity for general fixed assets that are capitalized by the Township is summarized below:

<u>Assets</u>	Balance April 1, 2003	Ado	lition	Ded:	uction	Balance Iarch 31, 2004
Land	\$ 11,613	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 11,613
Land Improvements	3,312		0		0	3,312
Machinery and Equipment	53,824		0		0	53,824
Office Equipment	62,439		0		0	62,439
Building	 217,983		0		0	217,983
Total	\$ 349,1 <b>7</b> 1	\$	0	\$	0	\$ 349,171

#### 8. Deficit Fund Balance or Retained Earnings Balances of Individual Funds

None

#### 9. Comparative Data

Comparative total data for the prior year has not been presented.

#### 10. Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations in Budgetary Fuuds

P.A. 621 of 1978, section 18 (1), as amended, provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated.

In the body of the financial statements, the Township actual expenditures and budgeted expenditures for the budgetary funds have been shown on an activity basis. The approved budgets of the Township for these budgetary funds were adopted to the activity level.

Notes To Financial Statements For The Year Ended March 31, 2004

During the year ended March 31, 2004, the Township incurred expenditures in certain budgetary funds which were in excess of the amounts appropriated, as follows:

	_	otal priations	ount of enditures	Budget ariance
General Fund			 	 _
Elections	\$	0	\$ 128	\$ 128
Police Protection		49,629	53,080	3,451

#### 11. Post Employment Benefits

The Township does not provide any post employment benefits other than the pension benefits.

#### 12. Risk Management

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, employee injuries, as well as medical and workman's compensation benefits provided to employees. The Township has purchased commercial insurance for the various risks of loss stated above.

Settled claims for the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of coverage in any of the past three years. There was no reduction in coverage's obtained through commercial insurance during the past year.

#### 13. Long-Term Debt

The general long-term debt of the Township and the changes therein, are summarized as follows:

#### General Long-Term Debt Account Group

Primary Government	_	Balance April 1, 2003	Ado	dition_	Re	ductions	_	Balance arch 31, 2004
1997 Lapeer County Road Commission Bond Obligation Refunding Bonds Dated February 1, 1998, \$20,000: principal due through 2007 and interest payable February 1, and August 1, at 4.4% - 4.9%	\$	100,000	\$	0	\$	20,000	\$	80,000
2000 Lapeer County Road Commission Bond Dated August 1, 2000, \$49,122.98 principal due through 2010 and interest payable February 1, and August 1, at 4.4% - 5.0%	_	392,984		0_		49,123		343,861
Total General Obligation Bonds	\$	492,984	\$	0	\$	69,123	\$	423,861

Notes To Financial Statements For The Year Ended March 31, 2004

The annual principal and interest requirements for the years ending March 31, 2004 through 2009 for all debts outstanding as of March 31, 2004 are as follows:

	20052006		2006	2007		2008		2009		After 2009		
General Obligation Bonds	\$	69,123	\$	69,123	\$	69,123	<u>\$</u>	69,123	\$	69,123	\$	78,246

Total Interest expense for the Township for the year ended March 31, 2004, was \$22,052.33.

The following is a schedule of the bond payments:

1997 Lapeer Country	/ Road Comn	nission	Bond
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Due Date	Pri	Principal		nterest	Total	
8/1/2004	\$	20,000	\$	1,915	\$ 21,915	
2/1/2005		0		1,445	1,445	
8/1/2005		20,000		1,445	21,445	
2/1/2006		0		970	970	
8/1/2006		20,000		970	20,970	
2/1/2007		0		490	490	
8/1/2007		20,000		490	 20,490	
Balance as of March 31, 2003	<u>\$</u>	80,000	\$	7,725	\$ 87,725	

#### 2000 Lapeer County Road Commission Bond

_ Due Date_	Principal	Interest	Total	
8/1/2004	\$ 49,123	\$ 8,252	\$ 57,375	
2/1/2005	0	7,115	7,115	
8/1/2005	49,123	7,115	56,238	
2/1/2006	0	5,953	5,953	
8/1/2006	49,123	5,953	55,076	
2/1/2007	0	4,792	4,792	
8/1/2007	49,123	4,792	53,915	
2/1/2008	0	3,606	3,606	
8/1/2008	49,123	3,606	52,729	
2/1/2009	0	2,420	2,420	
8/1/2009	49,123	2,420	51,543	
2/1/2010	0	1,210	1,210	
8/1/2010	49,123	1,210	50,333	
Balance as of March 31, 2004	\$ 343,861	\$ 58,444	\$ 402,305	

**Supporting Schedules** 

Township of Marathon
Combined Statements of Revenues, Expenditures,
And Changes in Fund Balance Actual - General Fund For The Year Ended March 31, 2004

	General Fund					
Revenues		Budget		Actual		Over (Under) Budget
Property Taxes	\$	137,744	\$	157,484	\$	19,740
Lieenses, Permits & Fees	-	1,800	•	8,010	•	6,210
State Revenue Sharing		239,561		245,509		5,948
Charges for Services:		237,301		2 15,507		2,710
Property Tax Administration		24,000		27,479		3,479
Miscellaneous Fees		250		0		(250)
Refunds/Reimbursement		0		5,364		5,364
Hall Rent		3,000		650		· ·
Interest		3,000				(2,350)
				1,424		1,424
Miseellaneous		100	_	64,673		64,573
Total Revenues	\$	406,455	<u>\$</u>	510,593	\$	104,138
Expenditures Legislatives						
Legislative: Township Board	\$	16,037	\$	14,779	\$	1,258
•	3	10,037	Þ	14,779	Ð	1,236
General Government:		17.200		16.050		250
Supervisor		17,300		16,950		350
Elections		0		128		(128)
Assessor		31,250		26,589		4,661
Professional Fees		16,312		12,333		3,979
Clerk		27,191		26,215		976
Board of Review		1,350		998		352
Treasurer		27,891		27,870		21
Clerical		27,300		27,300		0
Building & Grounds		36,098		27,402		8,696
Public Safety:						
Police Protection		49,629		53,080		(3,451)
Planning - Zoning		8,200		1,744		6,456
Street Lights		1,200		858		342
Publie Works:						
Hemingway Lake Expense		6,744		6,700		44
Highways & Streets		218,050		121,524		96,526
Drains at Large		1,200		981		219
Cemetery:						
Expenses		3,600		2,603		997
Other Functions:						
Insurance		7,200		6,520		680
Pension		8,000		7,660		340
Total Expenditures		504,552		382,234		122,318
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(98,097)		128,359		226,456
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Operating Transfers In (Out)		0		0		0
Excess of Revenues & Operating Transfers In Over						
(Under) Expenditures & Operating Transfers Out		(98,097)		128,359		226,456
Fund Balance - April 1, 2003		98,097		53,594		(44,503)
Fund Balance - March 31, 2004	\$	0	\$	181,953	<u>\$</u>	181,953

Combining Balance Sheets All Agency Funds March 31, 2004

Assets	 Agency Fund		Tax ollection Fund	Totals March 31, 2004		
4 8000 80						
Cash	\$ 8,166	\$	1,434	\$	9,600	
Due From Building Fund	 4,646		0		4,646	
Total Liabilities	\$ 12,812	<u>\$</u>	1,434	\$	14,246	
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Due To General Fund	\$ 976	\$	1,434	\$	2,410	
Performance Bonds Payable	 11,836		0		11,836	
Total Liabilities	\$ 12,812	\$	1,434	\$	14,246	

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June 9, 2004

Members of the Township Board Marathon Township Lapeer County, Michigan

#### Board Members:

In accordance with your request, I have made an examination of the financial statements of Marathon Township for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004. During the course of my examination, certain items have come to my attention on which I would like to comment and offer my recommendations.

- 1.) The Salaries Resolution is to be made at the annual meeting. This motion for the Salaries Resolution is to be voted on by the Constituencies of the Township.
- 2.) The motion to pay bills must identify the bills that are being paid. Authorization to pay bills stems from approval in the Minutes. A person must be able to trace the bills paid to the authorization to pay them in the Minutes.
- 3.) All income received by the Township needs to be receipted for purposes of internal control. Any remittance advice received with income should be attached to the receipt. These receipts should be pre-numbered and used in numerical order. The receipt number should be recorded in Quickbooks when posting the receipt in the accounting system in order to be able to trace it into the General Ledger.
- 4.) The Building Inspection Fund needs to adopt its own separate budget apart from the General Fund's budget.
- 5.) An employee of the Township can only exclude an expense reimbursement from their salary and subsequently, taxable income, by following the guidelines of an 'Accountable Plan' as defined by the IRS Code.

I thank the Township officials for the cooperation I received in the completion of this examination. Should you have any questions in connection with the above, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Lehn L. King, C.P.A.

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